



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

The Perennial Farm



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Wholesale grower
Member since March 2018

Management and Leadership



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

The Perennial Farm has been in business for 38 years and we have many green initiatives that we have embraced and practiced at our location:

- *We do not utilize neonicotinoids (an agricultural insecticide that studies have shown to be linked to declining bee populations) as part of our IPM (integrated pest management) process.*
- *The Perennial Farm has a program that utilizes beneficial insects, released into many of our greenhouses and around the Farm.*
- *All fertilizers are time release. We do not utilize liquid fertilizers since they flush out of the pot and can get into the water system.*
- *All plastic and cardboard materials used in the production process are recycled.*
- *Our potting soil is a blend of pine bark with time release fertilizer added. We do not utilize peat moss which is considered a slowly renewable resource.*
- *We do extensive hand-watering to conserve our water supply and minimize water runoff.*
- *The Perennial Farm has installed a bio-retention system for runoff containment which includes a storm water runoff pond.*
- *The bio-retention area has extensive native perennial planting surrounding it.*

- *We have and maintain a Maryland State approved nutrient management runoff plan for our nursery.*

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

We do not purchase neonicotinoids.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

The Perennial Farm participates in the Maryland Dept. of Transportation, State Highway Administration's Adopt a Highway program. Several times a year we pick up litter and recyclables on a 1-mile stretch of highway where we are located. Signs are posted with our name on each end of the stretch.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

We reuse winter blankets, greenhouse shade cloth, and greenhouse plastic.

Recycling

We recycle plastic trays, plastic greenhouse plastic, Holland boxes, and cardboard. We estimate our total annual recycling to be 9,376 lbs.

Water

Water Conservation

We do hand watering to minimize water runoff.

Stormwater Management and Site Design

We have a bio-retention area with extensive native perennial planting and a storm water runoff pond.



Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.

